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1. PATTERSON'S SUGGESTIONS FOR SOME TECHNICAL WORK THAT SHOULD BE DONE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN PREPARATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE INFORMALLY PASSED TO US, EC AND JAPANESE MISSIONS NOVEMBER 16 IN FORM OF A "NON-PAPER" (DICTATED BY PHONE TO RESPECTIVE MISSIONS), THIS IS TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION TNC CHAIRMAN HAS WITHDRAWN HIS OCTM 26 PROPOSAL WHICH IS NOT THE CASE. LIST IS SIMPLY INTENDED TO ASSIST KEY COUNTRIES IN FINDING WAY OUT OF CURRENT IMPASSE. LIST ALSO DESIGNED TO SHOW THERE IS WIDE RANGE OF WORK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHICH NEED NOT IMPINGE DIRECTLY ON US-EC INDUSTRY/AGRICULTURE DISPUTE.

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PATTERSON SHARES OUR IMPRESSION OF CONVERSATION REPORTED

REFTEL THAT NEXT MOVE MUST AWAIT OUTCOME OF EC 113 COMMITTEE MEETING NOV. 22 BUT ADDED HE WAS CONFIDENT EC COMMISSION WOULD NO DOUBT CONSIDER IT HELPFUL IF US WERE ABLE TO INDICATE ITS REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS BEFORE NOV. 22 PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO ANY ITEMS UNACCEPTABLE TO US OR OTHER ITEMS WHOSE ADDITIONS US WOULD CONSIDER INDISPENSABLE. WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING ON LIST PENDING WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

2. TEXT OF NON-PAPER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THESE ITEMS WERE SELECTED WITH THE AIM TO AVOID PREJUDGING THE POSITION OF PARTICIPANTS ON MAJOR QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE THAT ARE AS YET UNRESOLVED. THESE ARE NOT TO BE REGARDED AS EXHAUSTIVE.

(1) ELABORATION AND REFINEMENT OF A SCHEME FOR THE ABOLITION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, THE POINT OF DEPARTURE BEING THE TWO ALTERNATIVE TEXTS PREPARED BY WORKING GROUP 4 OF THE CTIP. IDENTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INCLUSION IN ANY SCHEME.

(2) INITIATION AND CONTINUATION OF ANY ANALYSIS OF THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF EXPORT RESTRAINTS, LOOKING TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHEME FOR THEIR PHASING OUT OR ABOLITION.

(3) CONTINUATION OF WORK ON THE REFINING OF THE 1960 LIST OF PROHIBITIVE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES.

(4) FURTHER EXAMINATION OF DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES WHICH DISTORT COMPETITION.

(5) EXAMINATION AND REFINEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT OF A CODE REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.

(6) DISCUSSION ON PACKAGING AND LABELING, AND OF THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING THE STANDARDS CODE IN THIS CONTEXT.

(7) EXAMINATION OF ADDITIONAL NON-TARIFF MEASURES IN RESPECT OF WHICH USEFUL WORK COULD BE DONE, SUCH AS STATE TRADING IN MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES, CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, SAMPLES REQUIREMENTS, MARKS OF ORIGIN, MINIMUM PRICE REGULATIONS. EXAMINATION IN THE CONTEXT OF EACH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MATTERS COVERED IN ITEMS 2 TO 7 OF ANY POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(8) EXAMINATION OF THE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH MAKE AN AREA SUITABLE FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION AS A SECTOR, AND OF THE PROBLEMS OF DEFINING AND DELIMITING SUCH SECTORS; IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(9) DETERMINATION OF THE BASE YEAR OR YEARS FOR

THE PURPOSE OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS IN SUFFICIENT TIME
TO PERMIT THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THE REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION.

(10) EXPLORATION, ON THE BASIS OF THE MATERIAL
PROVIDED BY THE TARIFF STUDY, OF THE EXTENT OF
TARIFF DISPARITIES EXISTING BETWEEN NATIONAL TARIFFS,
THE LEVELS AT WHICH THEY OCCUR, AND THEIR CONCENTRATION
BY PRODUCT AREAS.

(11) EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES AND IMPLI-
CATIONS OF A LINEAR APPROACH APPLIED TO TARIFF RANGES.

(12) EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OR SITUATIONS
WHERE AN "ITEM-BY-853." TARIFF APPROACH MIGHT BE
APPROPRIATE.

(13) EXAMINATION OF TARIFF DIFFERENTIALS IN
PRODUCT CATEGORIES OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(14) EXAMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF MFN TARIFF
REDUCTIONS TO THE GSP.

(15) COMPLETION OF THE DISCUSSION INITIATED IN
THE TARIFF STUDY GROUP, OF CERTAIN TABULATIONS WHICH
ARE TO ILLUSTRATE THE IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS TECHNIQUES
AND MODALITIES OF TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.

(16) CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE RELEVANCE OF
RECENT CHANGES IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN WORLD AGRICULTURAL
MARKETS TO AN APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

(17) EXAMINATION OF A LIST OF PRODUCTS THAT COULD
BE CONSIDERED AS FALLING WITHIN THE SECTOR OF TROPICAL
PRODUCTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, WHERE NECESSARY, PRODUC-
TION AND TRADE DATA.

(18) REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DATA PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL
POLICIES IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS SECTOR, WITH A VIEW
TO INSURING THAT THEY ARE COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE.

(19) IDENTIFICATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE GSP,
OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH BARRIERS TO
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(20) ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF TRADE FLOWS
IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AT MFN AND PREFERENTIAL RATES.

(21) EXAMINATION OF THE RECENT SUPPLY, DEMAND AND
PRICE SITUATION OF A SELECTED GROUP OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS
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